THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Deployment of unemployed youths in centrally-sponsored programmes

4596. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to deploy unemployed youths in Centrally-sponsored programmes like pulse polio, census preparation of voter list, etc. under Central/State Governments Schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Centrally-Sponsored Programmes like Pulse Polio, Census, Preparation of Voter List, etc. are implemented by the State/UT Government through State Government Employees, NGO Volunteers etc.

Labour productivity

†4597. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's position has come down to the seventh place in Asia in the field of labour productivity as per Analysis Report of Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) According to the report of Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry, a comparison of Labour Productivity Indices of Asian countries for the period from 1988 to 1995 reveals that India's position is 7th among the 11 Asian countries. The countries Malaysia, Rep. of China, Singapore, Rep. of Korea, Nepal and Hong Kong have higher rate of growth in labour productivity compared to India, whereas in Pakistan, Japan, Phillippines and Iran, our productivity is lower.

(c) The planning process in India has aimed at creating conditions for improvement in labour productivity through provision of training, upgradation of skills and improvement in tool-kits, equipment and production techniques. The resources have been accordingly directed through the plan programmes towards achieving this objective.

Decline in employment opportunities for skilled/unskilled labourers

4598. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been steep decline in employment opportunities for skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labourers in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana during 2000 and 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase employment opportunities for skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labourers in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) The estimates on the basis of surveys carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation during 1993-94 and 1999-2000 reveal that the employment in UP (including Uttaranchal) and Haryana which was of the order of 542 lakh and 65 lakh respectively in 1993-94 had gone up to 578 lakh and 70 lakh during 1999-2000.